

Wiltshire Council

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Participation

Question from Mr John Kirkman, Marlborough

Pre-Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document

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Question

Core Policy 2 in the Pre-submission Draft Core Strategy document includes the sentence: "Within the limits of development as defined within the proposals maps, there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development at the Principal Market Towns, Local Service Centres, and Large Villages."

What is the definition of **sustainable** in the phrase 'sustainable development' and as that word is used throughout the Strategy?

Response

The Spatial Strategy sets out how 'sustainable development' is defined and applied in Wiltshire. The Settlement Strategy (Core Policy 1) identifies the different tiers of settlements based on an understanding of their role and function, and how they interact with immediate communities and their wider hinterland. The Delivery Strategy (Core Policy 2) then seeks to provide for the most sustainable level of growth for Wiltshire and defines where development will be most sustainable. Development proposals which do not accord with the Delivery Strategy will be considered unsustainable. In addition, the Core Strategy should be read as a whole, as other Core Policies further define what constitutes sustainable development in the Wiltshire context.